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Staff meeting.

I called McCloy in Bonn and Donnelly in Vienna this morning to discuss the "Porgy and Bess" matter with them. I also talked to Anna Rosenberg on the same subject just before she left for Europe, [redacted].

Dean came in to the office and we had a short meeting with him before he went over to the White House. He looks remarkably well, especially in view of what must have been one of the most fatiguing trips on record - 18,000 miles in 16 days and as many as five speeches a day, to say nothing of having to be up the greater part of every night at banquets, receptions, dances, and so forth. He is going to spend the rest of this week at his farm.

We had a PSB lunch here. Bedell Smith told me, to my great surprise, that if he were [redacted] offered the position of Ambassador to Holland he would take it. He is a great friend of the Queen and Prince Bernhardt, and is regarded in Holland as a savior because of certain things he did for them during the war. I think it would be a good appointment.

Perle Mesta, not my favorite character, came to see me this afternoon to gossip about politics.

Then I saw Dr. Koepfli, who outlined for me some of the work and problems of his position as Science Adviser to the Department.

I had several conversations today on the subject of whether or not to issue a passport to Dr. Pauling, one of the leading chemists in America; he is a professor at Cal. Tech. His application had been rejected once previously on the grounds of his association with Communists and Communist

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organizations. The Legal Division has been going through this file, which I also examined myself last weekend, [redacted]. It is [redacted] voluminous. He has been invited by the Faraday Society at Cambridge, England, to address them later this month, and the English members of this Society are [redacted] indignant over his inability up to the present time to obtain a passport.

For some months, there has been a stream of letters flowing into the Department from his fellow scientists, [redacted] expostulating against the Department's attitude to date about this case.

The Nicaraguan Ambassador, whom I had met in Paris, paid me a courtesy call.

Congressman Celler, Mr. Ralph Lazarus of the Benrus Watch Co., and Mr. Vernon met with me to discuss a decision by the Tariff Commission proposing to raise the duty on the importation of foreign watches and parts. Lazarus and Celler are [redacted] much against this, as I think we will be if we find [redacted] there is no proof of serious injury to the domestic industry having taken place.

We went to dinner tonight with the Bohlens. Frank Wisner and Bill Tyler were also there. Afterwards we watched the proceedings of the Republican Convention in Chicago until about 2:00 o'clock in the morning. Most of the speeches were rather dreary, but it was a fascinating spectacle.

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